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Executive Director
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Joan R. Weigel 6 Trumbull Road Northampton, MA 01060

RE: 17 Hawley Street, Northampton

Dear Joan:

In response to your request, Massachusetts Historical Commission staff have evaluated the building at 17 Hawley Street in Northampton in regard to its eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In our opinion, it appears to meet National Register Criteria A and C as an intact example of an early 20th century commercial/industrial building with strong associations to the local wholesale grocery industry.

Because the structure appears eligible for National Register listing, I am able to enclose an Historic Preservation Certification Application, but I would like to remind you that a National Register nomination form must be completed as well since National Register designation is a necessary component to receiving the 25% Investment Tax Credit. You will find this form is also enclosed. As you prepare the nomination, I suggest you address the following issues:

- The history and scale of the Wholesale grocery business in Northampton and the Connecticut River Valley;
- 2) The building's link local commercial development and the transportation network.

If you need further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kubie Preservation Planner

Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Enclosures

cc: Northampton Historical Commission